

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 6, 16, 25, 43, 53, 62, 80, 90 and 99 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 as follows (see accompanying "mark-up" version pursuant to 1.121):

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6. (Amended) A method as defined in claim 5, wherein said biologically-active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormone, bovine growth hormone, growth hormone-releasing hormone, an interferon, interleukin-II, insulin, heparin, calcitonin, erythropoietin, atrial natriuretic factor, an antigen, a monoclonal antibody, somatostatin, adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone, oxytocin, vasopressin, cromolyn sodium, vancomycin, desferrioxamine (DFO), low molecular weight heparin, antimicrobials, or any combination of any of the foregoing.

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16. (Amended) A method as defined in claim 15, wherein said biologically-active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormone, bovine growth hormone, growth hormone-releasing hormone, an interferon, interleukin-II, insulin, heparin, calcitonin, erythropoietin, atrial natriuretic factor, an antigen, a monoclonal antibody, somatostatin, adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone, oxytocin, vasopressin, cromolyn sodium, vancomycin,

a² *Cont* desferrioxamine (DFO), low molecular weight heparin, antimicrobials, or any combination of any of the foregoing.

a³ 25. (Amended) A composition as defined in claim 24, wherein said biologically-active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormone, bovine growth hormone, growth hormone-releasing hormone, an interferon, interleukin-II, insulin, heparin, calcitonin, erythropoietin, atrial natriuretic factor, an antigen, a monoclonal antibody, somatostatin, adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone, oxytocin, vasopressin, cromolyn sodium, vancomycin, desferrioxamine (DFO), low molecular weight heparin, antimicrobials, or any combination of any of the foregoing.

a⁴ 43. (Amended) A method as defined in claim 42, wherein said biologically-active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormone, bovine growth hormone, growth hormone-releasing hormone, an interferon, interleukin-II, insulin, heparin, calcitonin, erythropoietin, atrial natriuretic factor, an antigen, a monoclonal antibody, somatostatin, adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone, oxytocin, vasopressin, cromolyn sodium, vancomycin, desferrioxamine (DFO), low molecular weight heparin, antimicrobials, or any combination of any of the foregoing.

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53. (Amended) A method as defined in claim 52, wherein said biologically-active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormone, bovine growth hormone, growth hormone-releasing hormone, an interferon, interleukin-II, insulin, heparin, calcitonin, erythropoietin, atrial natriuretic factor, an antigen, a monoclonal antibody, somatostatin, adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone, oxytocin, vasopressin, cromolyn sodium, vancomycin, desferrioxamine (DFO), low molecular weight heparin, antimicrobials, or any combination of any of the foregoing.

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62. (Amended) A composition as defined in claim 61, wherein said biologically-active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormone, bovine growth hormone, growth hormone-releasing hormone, an interferon, interleukin-II, insulin, heparin, calcitonin, erythropoietin, atrial natriuretic factor, an antigen, a monoclonal antibody, somatostatin, adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone, oxytocin, vasopressin, cromolyn sodium, vancomycin, desferrioxamine (DFO), low molecular weight heparin, antimicrobials, or any combination of any of the foregoing.

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80. (Amended) A method as defined in claim 79, wherein said biologically-active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormone, bovine growth hormone, growth hormone-releasing hormone, an interferon,

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interleukin-II, insulin, heparin, calcitonin, erythropoietin, atrial natriuretic factor, an antigen, a monoclonal antibody, somatostatin, adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone, oxytocin, vasopressin, cromolyn sodium, vancomycin, desferrioxamine (DFO), low molecular weight heparin, antimicrobials, or any combination of any of the foregoing.

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90. (Amended) A method as defined in claim 89, wherein said biologically-active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormone, bovine growth hormone, growth hormone-releasing hormone, an interferon, interleukin-II, insulin, heparin, calcitonin, erythropoietin, atrial natriuretic factor, an antigen, a monoclonal antibody, somatostatin, adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone, oxytocin, vasopressin, cromolyn sodium, vancomycin, desferrioxamine (DFO), low molecular weight heparin, antimicrobials, or any combination of any of the foregoing.

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99. (Amended) A composition as defined in claim 98, wherein said biologically-active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormone, bovine growth hormone, growth hormone-releasing hormone, an interferon, interleukin-II, insulin, heparin, calcitonin, erythropoietin, atrial natriuretic factor, an antigen, a monoclonal antibody, somatostatin, adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone, oxytocin, vasopressin, cromolyn sodium, vancomycin,

desferrioxamine (DFO), low molecular weight heparin, antimicrobials, or any combination of any of the foregoing.

Please add claims 112-127 reading as follows:

112. The method of claim 55, wherein the biologically active agent is human growth hormone.

113. The method of claim 55, wherein the biologically active agent is growth-hormone releasing hormone.

114. The method of claim 55, wherein the biologically active agent is insulin.

115. The method of claim 55, wherein the biologically active agent is heparin.

116. The method of claim 55, wherein the biologically active agent is low molecular weight heparin.

117. The method of claim 55, wherein the biologically active agent is calcitonin.

118. The method of claim 55, wherein the biologically active agent is cromolyn sodium.

119. The method of claim 55, wherein the biologically active agent is an antimicrobial.

120. The composition of claim 64, wherein the biologically active agent is human growth hormone.

121. The composition of claim 64, wherein the biologically active agent is growth-hormone releasing hormone.

122. The composition of claim 64, wherein the biologically active agent is insulin.

123. The composition of claim 64, wherein the biologically active agent is heparin.

124. The composition of claim 64, wherein the biologically active agent is low molecular weight heparin.